

HOUSE BILL 2463

By Head

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, Part 1, relative to building regulations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(a), is amended by adding the following language in subsection (a) after the second sentence ending with the word and punctuation "structures.":

The statewide code and standards for the built environment, fire prevention, and life safety:

- (1) Shall be adopted by the commissioner of commerce and insurance.
- (2) Shall be recognized by all parties as statewide codes and standards.
- (3) Shall include all applicable codes.
- (4) Shall be reviewed and adopted by an advisory council appointed by the commissioner. Such advisory council shall review and adopt any subsequent codes and standards revisions. The individual members of the advisory council shall consist of representatives from design and construction organizations active in the industry, regulatory agencies and local officials.

(5) Shall be authorized to be modified by local amendment. Such a modification shall be on file with the commissioner thirty (30) days following the effective date of the code modification.

(A) Modification by local amendment must:

(i) Be more stringent than the current statewide code and standard; and

(ii) Exempt one (1) and two (2) family dwellings.

(B) Any requirements necessary for the built environment, fire prevention, or life safety, not specifically covered by the statewide codes and standards, shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language ", such as the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., the National Fire Protection Association, and Underwriters Laboratories, Inc."

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101, is amended by deleting the following language from subdivision (b)(2)(A):

consisting of the Standard Building Code (published by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.) and either:

(i) The Standard Fire Prevention Code (published by the Southern Building Code International, Inc.); or

(ii) The Fire Prevention Code (published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.);

and substituting instead the following new language:

consistent with the minimum statewide codes and standards for the built environment, fire prevention, and life safety as adopted by the commissioner of commerce and insurance;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

